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**EXTENSION REQUEST FOR SUBMITTAL OF THE BURIAL GROUNDS OPERABLE UNIT FEASIBILITY STUDY FOR SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT UNITS 2, 3, 7, AND 30 OF THE BURIAL GROUNDS OPERABLE UNIT AT THE PADUCAH GASEOUS DIFFUSION PLANT, PADUCAH, KENTUCKY (DOE/LX/07-1274&D2)**

Dear Ms. Blumenfeld:

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region 4 (EPA) has received DOE's extension request, dated April 14, 2014. This request seeks to extend the submittal date for the D2 Feasibility Study for SWMUs 2, 3, 7 and 30 of the Burial Grounds Operable Unit by sixty (60) days, from May 14, 2013 to June 14, 2014. DOE verbally made a request on March 28, 2014, for 30 days, which EPA and KY agreed to allow only 15 days. DOE's letter of April 7, 2014 did request 15 days through April 15, 2014, but they did acknowledge additional time may be warranted.

EPA is disappointed in the extra 60 days requested due to the following reasons: numerous missed or rescheduled comment resolution meetings over the last 10 months; citing resources may have to be diverted from other projects listed in this letter; and, none of the reasons are specified in the FFA, Section XXIX.B, other than the mutual agreed by all three parties [B.6].

EPA will grant this extension request, but we will expect no more extension requests on this project, or the projects listed in the last paragraph of this letter that DOE claims they would have "to divert resources from those other projects" if this request is not granted. EPA concurs with DOE's April 14, 2014 extension request and the revised June 14, 2014 submittal date.

In accordance with the Federal Facilities Agreement (FFA) Section XXIX.B.6, good cause exists for this extension, which is hereby granted. If you have any questions concerning this matter, please feel free to call me at (404)562-8648.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jon Richards", is positioned above the typed name.

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